#### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

September 9, 2003



ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-59-03

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL				
State Law Change				
[ ] Federal Law or Regulation				
Change				
Order Court Order				
[ ] Clarification Requested by				
One or More Counties				
[x] Initiated by CDSS				

SUBJECT: NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this letter is to announce an important funding opportunity which can assist counties and communities in addressing homelessness. On August 15, 2003, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released two Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) for the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) and the MHP Supportive Housing program. Applications are due to HCD by October 8, 2003.

## MHP General NOFA

The MHP General NOFA funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. The funding level is approximately \$70 million which may be used to fund new construction, rehabilitation, acquisition and rehabilitation, or conversion of nonresidential structures. Additionally, an allocation of \$15 million is available for nonresidential space for supportive services. Funds are for the development of space to house supportive services.

### MHP Supportive Housing NOFA

The Supportive Housing portion is offered on a noncompetitive, "over-the-counter" or first-come, first-serve basis starting on September 15, 2003. This funding may be used to provide permanent housing, which targets households that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and include a disabled adult with a qualifying disability. Qualifying disabilities include substance abuse, mental health, developmental disability, HIV or AIDS, and other chronic health conditions.

Applicants may apply for funding for projects containing supportive housing units only or projects containing Supportive Housing and Non-Supportive Housing units (mixed projects) as defined in the NOFA. The Supportive Housing allocation is \$25 million and has nonresidential space for supportive services funding of \$5 million.

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HCD will be conducting workshops to assist applicants in preparing their applications. Attached is the application workshop schedule. Also, a copy of the two NOFA's, all required documents, application due date, award date, and other pertinent information can be obtained through the HCD website at: <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/mhp">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/mhp</a>.

We hope you are able to take advantage of this funding opportunity to address your local housing needs. Questions regarding the requirements and specifics of the two MHP NOFA's should be directed to the Housing and Community Development MHP program staff at (916) 323-3178.

Sincerely,

The original document was signed by Venus Garth on 9/9/03

VENUS GARTH, Chief Work Services Branch

Attachment

#### **ATTACHMENT**

Application workshops schedules

Date	Location	Supportive Housing Focus Presentation <sup>1</sup>	General MHP Application Presentation <sup>2</sup>
September 10, 2003	Ronald Reagan State Building 300 South Spring Street Los Angeles	9:00 -12:00	1:30 - 4:30
September 12, 2003	San Diego State Building 1350 Front Street, Room B-109 San Diego	9:00 - 12:00	1:30 -4:30
September 15, 2003	HCD Headquarters 1800 Third Street, Room 183 Sacramento	9:00 - 12:00	1:30 - 4:30
September 19, 2003	Elihu Harris Building 1515 Clay Street, Room 2 Oakland	9:00 - 12:00	1:30 - 4:30

The morning and afternoon Workshop sessions will both begin with a presentation of MHP regulatory changes that affect application requirements.

- 1 The morning Workshop sessions will focus on application and project requirements that are specific to Supportive Housing and Special Needs Population Projects. Sponsors of Supportive Housing and Special Needs Population Projects are strongly encouraged to attend both sessions.
- 2 The afternoon Workshop sessions will be an overall MHP application review that includes requirements for both MHP General and Supportive Housing Projects.